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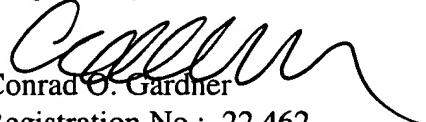
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Claim 1 is noted as allowed. Claim 4 stands withdrawn from consideration responsive to the Final Rejection dated February 24, 2003. Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected over Arjomand ('202) in view of Smith et al. ('877).

Arjomand, as stated by the Examiner does not teach aircraft methodology although Smith teaches collection of maintenance information in real time. However, method claim 2 includes obtaining in a display (1) F/M troubleshooting procedure or (2) FDE indication while claim 3 recites the linking FDE engine indication crew alerting system EICAS messages to FIM troubleshooting procedures. As a consequence, the signal display processing methodology defined with specificity for aircraft is not found in either or the total teachings of the automotive system of the '202 and '877 references. Accordingly, allowability of claims 2 and 3 is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including fees for extension of time, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this amendment without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 02-2960.

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